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## County Man Arrested For Rape After All Night Search

Billy Ray Mayers, age 28, was arrested about noon Friday following a dramatic all-night chase, kidnapping of a man and woman and rape of the woman, according to law enforcement officers.

Mayers was indicted by a Coffee County Grand Jury in



SHOFFNER, MRS. RINGO, MRS. BRYAN

## Shoffner Tells Rotary Club About History

Mr. Roy Shoffner, president of the Pea River Historical Society, was guest speaker at the Elba Rotary Club on Monday of this week. Shoffner spoke on the progress of the Society, and on the potential benefits of making the area a tourist attraction. He in-

cluded in his talk a plug for developing Pea River for fishing, boating and picnicking. Special guests for the meeting were Mrs. Max Bryan, right and Mrs. Price Ringo, both members of the Historical Society. Mr. Stokes Haire was in charge of arranging the program.

LETTERS CAN BE UNSIGNED

## Voice Complaints To Elba Clipper

Beginning immediately THE ELBA CLIPPER will accept unsigned letters and short comments or questions to be published on the editorial pages

of this newspaper. No personal attack on individual business or people will be published for obvious reasons, but attempts will be made to get answers to

questions - simple or sticky, political or about social security. It is hoped this will help people presently reluctant to

write letters due to position or social associations. Also, it may help keep someone's blood pressure from going sky high!

## Brenda Named New 'Miss Elba'

The regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission was held on April 28, at 10:00 a.m. at the Enterprise Court-house.

The commissioners heard a request from Seaboard Coastline Railroad representatives to withdraw their resolution opposing the closing of the Elba Depot. They agreed to hold the railroad issue under advisement.

In other action, the Commissioners voted to: Pay an additional \$317.39 over the \$4,000 that will come from an LEPA grant for a car for the Sheriff's Department; Sponsor the Southeast Alabama Police Academy on a 75-55 basis for 6 months - from 7-1-75 to 12-31-75, the County's share being \$3327;

Send out invitations to bid on training motorcycle for the Police Academy. Funds for the motorcycle to be furnished by the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Bids to be opened on May 12, 1975;

Withdraw invitations to bid on self-loading scraper and dump truck to be opened on May 6, and submit new invitations to bid, which bids to be opened on May 12;

Send out invitations to bid on pumps for fuel and gasoline at the shop and on service truck;

Give Engineer Eugene Jacobs \$200 a month raise effective May 1, 1975, on a temporary basis until such time as an engineer is hired.



BEHIND COUNTY JAIL

## Marijuana Burned By Officers

Twenty-one pounds of marijuana was burned Tuesday afternoon by Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham, center, and two deputies - Ray Norris, left and Joe Spurlin, right.

The marijuana was left

from a court case in Coffee County Circuit Court and had been stored in a vault at the courthouse. It was burned on a court order that had to be observed by accepted witnesses.

This particular sack of

marijuana (street value of \$50,000) was involved in a case where James Lester Radke was convicted in Coffee County Circuit Court, appealed and got a reversal. The case was then not pressed by the District Attorney, according to the court order ordering the burning.

After the processed leaves were burned several times with the assistance of gasoline, the remains were properly disposed of by the sheriff's department.

## King Charged In Local Cutting

Booker T. King, Rt. 2, Elba, was arrested Saturday morning by Elba police on a charge of Assault with intent to murder. The arrest followed an incident which left both Willie Mae Elliott and her son Willie George Elliott suffering the pains of knife cuts.

Son Willie was listed in critical condition in the local hospital but was expected to live, according to Elba police.

## The cutting took place behind County Jail

## Commissioners Hear Railroad Request

The Elba Rescue Squad rushed the woman and her son to the local hospital and Elba police arrested King. A full confession is on record at the police station and several witnesses to the entire episode have been located, according to the Elba police officers investigating the incident.

## School Board Plans Public Hearing

A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday night, May 6, 1975, in the Conference Room of the Elba City School Board of Education, according to Elmer Taylor, Superintendent of Elba City Schools.

All parents and other interested school patrons are urged to attend this special meeting with the ESAA Advisory Committee and school personnel involved in the project. A discussion of the Emergency School Aid Act, priorities, regulations, and provisions will be conducted concerning the proposal which is to be submitted by the Elba City Board of Education on May 16.

## Elba Band Plans Concert

The annual Awards Band Concert will be held Friday, May 9, 1975, at the Elba High School auditorium. Dr. James Patreos, former director of the EHS Band, now on

the staff of Livingston State University, will be the guest conductor.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge.



## Hole In Road, Common In This Area

This is a familiar sight in Elba and the rest of Coffee County following the heavy rains last month. The excess water has washed out roads all over Elba and Coffee County. The Elba Street Department, the Coffee County and Alabama Highway Departments are kept busy repairing known washouts and marking others as they suddenly appear in the roads.



## Music Week Proclaimed

Mayor Sam Sawyer proclaims the week of May 4-11, 1975, as National Music Week. He asks that citizens "observe and take part in activities, recognizing the importance of music, musicians and musical

organizations to the cultural life of our city, state, nation and world." Looking on are Mrs. Luna Dell Ringo and Mrs. Irma Warr, members of the Magnolia Garden Club.

21 GIRLS COMPETE FOR MISS ELBA TITLE

Miss Sharpless, Miss Oglesby & Miss Smith

POOR ORIGINAL











## Socials

By Shirley Wise  
Continued

### Mr. Birchfield Addresses BPW

The Elba Business and Professional Women's Club met for its regular monthly meeting at the Country Club. Mr. Birchfield was a dinner guest and speaker.

He is an active Public Relations officer for Boys and Girls' Ranches and also a director of Boys' Ranch that is being established in Barbour County near Etah.

Mr. Birchfield held the group's attention as he discussed most interestingly the work now in progress at the Girls' Ranch in Lee County near Auburn, as well as the other Ranches where he has been associated. He gave in detail the progress as a whole of the 120 youngsters and managers at the Ranches, stressing the dedication and support of the many new boosters of these worthy projects of which County's own Sheriff, Mr. Neil Grantham is a new member.

The club was most pleased to learn that a Coffee County cattleman, Mr. W. B. Westbrook, has presented the Ranch Association with a pair of more registered calves. The local club is most grateful for this contribution.

### Manara-Johnson Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stevens, as honorary stand-in parents, announce the coming marriage of Miss Marietta Model Manara to Mr. Michael Robert Johnson. The wedding will take place on May 24th at St. John's Catholic Church in Enterprise.

Miss Manara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Manara of Colabato City, Philippine Islands. A graduate of San Pedro Hospital School of Nursing in the Philippines, she is employed as a lab technician at Montgomery Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Johnson of Route Five, Elba. He is a graduate of Elba High School, also a former employee of Elba General Hospital, and is now attending Troy State University School of Nursing in Montgomery. He is employed as a lab technician at Montgomery Baptist Hospital.

Statistics show that less than two percent of children selected ever become doctors. Many have made good records in high school, military service and one is in his third year at Troy University.

Active in local B.P.W. Club work, Mrs. Betty Addison discussed her visits to Girls' Ranch and showed slides of the Ranch and its many activities. Mrs. Sylvia Stivers presented the report for the new officers for another year. President, Mrs. Mable Lawless, 1st Vice-president, Mrs. Gayle White, 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Sylvia Stivers, Secretary, Mrs. Ella J. Vaughan, Treasurer, Mrs. Jean Moore.

The meeting closed with the group reading the Emblem Benediction.

### Kendrick - Thomas To Wed

Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Kendrick of Troy announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Sharon, to Mr. Shirley Lowell (Pete) Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley L. Thomas, Sr., of the Victoria Community.

Miss Kendrick is the granddaughter of Mr. Ace T. Edmonds and the late Mrs. Ruth Tucker Edmonds of Jack, and Mrs. Lela Wells Kendrick and the late Mr. John M. Kendrick of Zion Chapel. She is a candidate for graduation in the 1975 class at Charles Henderson High School.

### Kelley Wins Scholarship

Edwin Boyd Kelley, a senior at Elba High School, is the recipient of a George C. Wallace Leadership Scholarship at Troy State University, according to TSU President, Dr. Ralph W. Adams.

Eddie was awarded the scholarship for his leadership abilities at Elba High. He is president of the senior class, a member of the student council and captain of the football team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kelley of Elba.

### Sheriff Grantham Speaks To Elba Pilots

Sheriff Neil Grantham spoke to the Pilot Club at its regular meeting on April 24, 1975. The club met for dinner at the Country Club with thirteen members present. President Syble Stivers led in the invocation and Lorene Bryan led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Sheriff Grantham told the Pilots of his duties and various problems of his office, including poor conditions of the county jail, expense of feeding the prisoners and being understaffed, which forces his deputies to have double duty on weekends. He held a question and answer period and asked for support from the club.

During the business session, the upcoming District Convention in Dothan was discussed and final plans were made for those attending. President-elect Ann Beck announced the 1975-76 division coordinators, assistants and area leaders.

Those in attendance were Agnes Wilson, Marie Asher, Ann Beck, Lorene Bryan, Nancy Crowe, Carrie Jacobs, Janita McDowell, Gussie Smart, Syble Stivers, Gene Kennel, Sue Griffin, Frances Branson and Neil Kendrick.

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Nine Elba Pilots attended the 4th Annual Convention of District II (Alabama) Pilot Club International on April 23-27, 1975, when the Pilot Club of Dothan was hostess at a Dothan hotel.

A welcome party was enjoyed Friday night by arriving Pilots. Those from Elba were delegates Gene Kennel, Carrie Jacobs, Ann Beck, alternates Syble Stivers, Jean Moore and Nancy Crowe, members Carol Fudge, Judy Follett and Miriam Bowers.

The club's scrapbook, prepared by Marie Asher, was placed on display for entry in the district contest.

The Elba Club hosted a refreshment break Saturday morning at the poolside of Pilots. Those from Elba were Jean Moore was chairman of the occasion at the grounds where 500 Pilots were served.

After the installation banquet Saturday night, president-elect Ann Beck took her place with 48 other club representatives and participated in the installation ceremony of the 1975-76 District II officers.

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## MISS ELBA CONTESTANTS



Becky Bowers, Debbie Skinner, Miss Shopless, Sue Jamadison, and Anna Bowers.



Jennifer Johnson, Janet Miller, Paula McCafferty, Sophie Johnson, and Donna Branson.



Jennifer Young, Brenda Cyprian, Joyce Buckle, Sue Ellen Miller, and Susan Haddock.



Felicia Lee, Nancy Samsford, Delana Smith, and Jo Ruth Kendrick.

## Pressbox

### MORE TENNIS COURTS NEEDED

With summer round the corner, more and more people are bringing out their rackets and heading for the city's tennis "court." You notice I used the singular form of "court." That's because the City of Elba has only "one" public tennis court.

A family or individual wants to go out and play tennis, they'd better be ready to wait about an hour or more before they can use the court.

The last census listed Elba's population at over 4400 people. I realize everyone doesn't play tennis, but for now, let's say half the people in town would play if they had the chance. That's 2200 prospective players. If every game is a doubles match, which means there are four participants, and if every match lasts one hour, it would take over 23 days for everyone to play. That's with matches going on "24" hours a day!

Let's say the court is used from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It would take over 34 days for everyone to play.

I'm not saying that there are 2200 tennis players. I'm simply trying to make people realize the need for more public tennis courts.

There is plenty of room at the Recreational Complex for at least three or four more tennis courts.

Members of the City Council are always complaining over the lack of a year-round recreational program - why not build more tennis courts?

I urge the City Council to take a look at the costs of building a tennis complex by adding more courts at the Recreation Center. I understand the money crisis the City is in, but I feel the City owes it to the youth of Elba to give them a total recreational program. Not just one that leaves them out when they get too old for Little League or Babe Ruth.

How about it?

The Elba Tiger baseball team came out on the short end of three routs last week in seeing their record dip to 1-6.

In the three games, Elba scored 22 runs for a 7.3 average, but their opponents piled 51 runs to average 17 runs per game. When you ask why Elba's record is so bad, you don't have to search for a reason.

In seven games, Elba has given up 89 runs, for an average of over 12 runs per game. However, you can't blame it all on the pitchers. The Tiger defense has committed 41 errors, an average of nearly 6 per game.

The Tigers have quite a few games left, and if the players hope to win a few, they must settle down and quit making errors, both mental and actual.

The tough part of Elba's schedule is behind them, so if the Tigers can cut down on their mistakes, they still could win five or six games.

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### Opp Stops Tigers 13-7

The Elba bats boomed for 7 runs in the opening inning, but fizzled out for the remaining six, as Opp came roaring back to drop the Tigers, 13-7.

The win gives Opp a 7-2 slate, while Elba's loss dips their chart to 1-4.

After Steve Williams singled and Freddie Hanchey reached on an error, Mitchell Bragg clouted a home-run over the 280-sign in right field.

Mickey Marler then reached on an error, and after an out, Max Fuller singled, and Johnny Dyes walked to load the bases.

Bryan Grimes singled in Marler, and Steve Williams and Hanchey followed with hits, driving in three runs, and putting Elba back to 1-5.

Opp added two runs in the second to tie the score at 7-7, and the Bobcats went ahead for good in the third, adding three runs to take a 10-7 lead.

The Bobcats added two runs in the fourth, and one in the seventh to make the final score 13-7.

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## Sports



### ELBA BASEBALL TEAM

Front Row-(L-R) Steve Williams, Win Westbrook, R. V. Folmar, Steven Harrelson, Freddie Hanchey, Johnny Dyes, and Donnie Grimes.

Back Row-(L-R) Mitchell Bragg, John Mince, Ronnie Culver, Eddie Kelley, Max Fuller, Bryan Grimes, and Mickey Marler.

Weeks, (W) 3-1 Bragg (L) 0-2

The Andalusia Bulldogs, led by the one hit pitching of Freddy Hanchey, took the final score 16-0.

The only Elba player to get a hit was Freddie Hanchey.

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(E) Marler, Williams (4), Culver (3) and Hanchey (4) Ball and Ballard.

WP-Ball (2-1) LP-Marler (0-3) 2B-Smith (A), McLelland (A), Shreve (A), HR-Fahren (3), Smith (A), Bedgood (A).

Steve Williams then came to the plate, and Hanchey and Max Fuller followed with hits, driving in three runs, and putting Elba back to 1-5.

Opp scored twice in the third to take a 3-0. The Bulldogs broke loose for 12 runs in the fourth inning to put the game out of reach at 15-0.

Opp scored the dozen runs by collecting eight hits, and taking advantage of four Elba errors. Three of the "dog hits" were round trippers, including back-to-back blasts by Harris Fahren and Larry Bedgood.

Don Mack proudly shows off a 6" pound bass he caught last Wednesday while fishing at Lake Lorene.

Don was fishing with a cane pole, and was using a cricket for bait when he snagged the lunger.

The Elba golf team, with a 5-2 record, drew near an undefeated 6-2 record.

The Tigers linkers have defeated Ozark, 2; Opp, Enterprise, New Brockton, and Daleville. The losses were to Andalusia and Troy.

The Elba golfers have been paired by Ken Martin, who has been the medallist at all home matches. Ken's low round has been a 77. He also boasted a 77 in the win over Ozark.

The Elba Jr. Team met the Brundidge Jr.'s in a jamboree last week, and battled the Bulldogs to a 0-0 tie.

Brundidge won the toss, and drove the ball to the Elba 25 yardline. The Tiger defense stiffened, and on fourth down, Donnie Sinsom broke up what seemed like a sure touchdown pass.

The Brundidge drive was the only scoring threat of the game. Elba coach Mance Daughtry blamed the lack of practice on the games' lack of offense.

"All the rain just kept both teams from putting in much of an offense," said Daughtry. Daughtry singled out Sinsom, Ashley Young, and Jeff Stewart for their fine play.

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Others rounding out the "top 5" in batting are Mickey Marler, 28; Max Fuller, 25; and Steve Williams, 22. R. V. Folmar leads in doubles with three, while Steve Williams leads the team in home-runs with three. Other batters with homers are Mickey Marler (1), Mitchell Bragg (1), and Donnie Grimes (1).

### Greenville Outslugs Elba 22-15

The Greenville Tigers and Elba Tigers locked horns in a hitting contest Wednesday, and Greenville left with a hard-earned 22-15 win.

The loss drops Elba's record to 1-5, while the win pushes Greenville's slate to 7-1.

Greenville took a 1-0 lead in the opening inning, and added live runs in the top of the second to take a 6-0 advantage into the bottom of the second.

Eddie Kelley led off the Tigers half of the inning with a single, followed by a walk to Bryan Grimes. Max Fuller forced Kelley out at third, and when Freddie Hanchey reached on a fielders-choice, the Tigers had men on first and second with two outs.

Steve Williams then drove in both runs with a mammoth home-run over the trees in left field, to cut the Greenville lead to 6-0.

Greenville added three runs in the third to stretch their lead to 9-0. However, Elba came right back to plate six runs, and knot the score at 9-6.

Mickey Marler led off the Elba third with a walk, and Steve Williams went three for five at the plate, including two home runs, and drove in seven runs.

R. V. Folmar collected a single and double, while Mickey Marler added two singles. Donnie Grimes also chipped in with two hits, including a home run, and had three RBI's.

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## REBEL NEWS

MANAGING EDITORS FOR THIS YEAR: Tracy Deal, Marcy Nelson, Paul Nelson, Anita Spear, and Paul White. Mrs. Sylvia Lowery-Advisor.

### Editorial

Booker T. Washington said, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." Can you think how this is true in school? Don't we feel more successful when we've completed a harder task than an easy one? And another thing, don't we often overlook the accomplishments of one who doesn't reach quite as high as others yet they have worked harder and done as much according to their ability and despite many handicaps? Wouldn't it be better if we looked at everyone for what they were and the obstacles they had overcome rather than the goal reached? Everyone has something special about him, so let's not put anyone down because his achievements are as great as another's, but let's remember that his obstacles might have been higher.



### Guess Who?

These two pretty sisters are just as sweet and pretty as they were when this picture was taken in the Bahamas a few years ago.



BODY'S LARGEST ORGAN  
Skin is the largest organ of the human body.



CHARLES MCLEAN



### 4-H Public Speaking Contest Winners

First place winners in Jr. Boys Club: Tommy McLean. Jr. Girls Club: Melinda Stinson. St. Boys Club: James Miller. St. Girls Club: Nancy Heims.



### Trip To Ft. Rucker

Library aides Melinda Nelson, Keith Stephens, and Diane Lewis accompanied Mrs. Sylvia Lowery, Librarian, on a trip to visit the Ft. Rucker Center Library. This beautiful new library is less than

### Shakespeare Fans

Recently a special showing of "Romeo and Juliet" was held for area schools at a theatre in Enterprise. The Z.C.H.S. British Literature classes, chaperoned by Mr. Johnny Sand-

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### Moments For Meditation

Giving Is Living  
"For giving is living," the angel said.  
"Go, feed the hungry sweet charity's bread."

"And must I keep giving again and again?"  
My selfish and querulous answer ran.

"Oh no!" said the angel, piercing me through:  
"Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you!"

Selected  
Can You Imagine A Day At ZC Without.

Wade, Danny and Charles sleeping late?  
Someone wanting a lunch ticket after the bell rang?

Siya?  
Kaye & Ricky, Marty & Jeff, Ray & Diane, Paul & Judy, Brenda & Diane together at recess?

Any homework?  
Jel, Bandwagon, Bully, & Paul playing Dynamite, Rock, Paper, Scissors in study hall?

Anyone having to stay in at recess?  
Paper on the floor?

The girls flirting with the boys?  
A single English class?

Mrs. Sanders with a sweet smile for everyone?  
A drink machine that won't work?

The NYC workers forgetting to sign their payroll sheet?  
Any talking?

Any giggling?  
Nobody's name on the 7th Grade board?

Tim & Herman walking up & down the hall flirting with girls?  
Melinda being sweet?

greatly enjoyed by all. Pictured looking at a poster of Romeo and Juliet are: Ted Smart, Carol Walker, Betty Cardwell, Gail Davis, and Judy Risher.

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### They're Here

If you were to drop in at Zion Chapel you would see many people scurrying around with big blue books under their arms and you would hear many voices making the same request: "I want you to sign my animal." Pictured here are Richard Bedsole, Melvin Arnold, and Janet Kelley as they look over and show off the 1975 REBEL.

Pat hens lay few eggs.

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### POEMS

FROGS  
Frogs are ugly  
Frogs are huge.  
When you pick them up  
They are pucky.

By Charlotte Robinson  
MR. FROG  
One day I tried to catch Mr. Frog.  
He jumped into a log.  
I tried to get him out  
Mr. Frog didn't know  
What it was all about.

By Freddie King  
LOVE  
Love is like moon light  
That we feel in the night  
Love is like flowers  
That we see, in showers.

By Sonya Askew  
A BEAUTIFUL DAY  
Hey, Hey, Hey, Hey  
Isn't it a beautiful day  
If you will come with me  
We will go away.

By Bama Davidson  
Down by the river  
Where nobody goes  
There was a snake  
Who ate all his clothes.  
Now he is in bed  
With a knot upon his head.

By Greg Parker  
There once was a small mouse  
Who lived in a house.  
He was only four.  
He lived in a door.  
And kept all the ballgame scores.

By Jeff O'Neal  
SILVER BELLS  
You can hear them all year round  
You can hear them into town  
Jing, dong, ding, ding, ding  
How I love to hear them so.  
Ding, dong, ding.  
Silver Bells.

By Debbie Compton  
SOFTBALL  
We had a softball team one time.  
It was very good.  
We always stayed in not out.  
We beat every team that came about.  
We beat them with a bang.  
That made us want to sing.  
Yes Sir!  
That's my softball team.

By Debbie Compton  
TOMMY AND ME  
Tommy is at the lake.  
I am at the lake.  
Mother is at the cake.  
And dad's at the back.  
We're all here with Mack,  
With a pack.

By Jennie Davis  
SPRING  
Spring is here.  
It's very near.  
The leaves are very green.  
The prettiest I have ever seen.  
The birds are singing sweetly.

By Ricky Barlow  
SPRING  
Spring is a time for gleam.  
When the birds begin to sing.  
When all grass is green.  
When all trees and flowers  
begin to sprout.  
When the animals come out  
from a long winter nap.

By Ralph Brooks  
BEAUTY  
Everywhere, Pretty  
Trifling, good, rewarding  
Beauty has no bounds  
Gorgeous.

By Tracey Herring  
MY CAT TABBY  
I have a cat named Tabby  
He looks very funny.  
He is very funny  
And is my money  
That's my cat Tabby.

By Michael Bryan  
MY DOG SNOOPY  
I have a dog named Snoopy  
He is funny and very droopy.  
I think he should go to school  
To learn the Golden Rule  
That's my dog Snoopy.

By Michael Bryan  
A DOWN  
There once was a down.  
Who had a big brown.  
He had rosy cheeks  
And big funny feet.  
That big funny down  
with the big brown.

By Donald Sykes  
BIRDS  
I love to hear the birds sing.  
While the flowers bloom in spring.

By Donald Sykes  
I SAW A BIRD  
I saw a bird.  
Fly so high.  
That he touched the sky.  
He fell back down.  
He touched the ground.  
That's the Bird I saw.

By Patrick Jones

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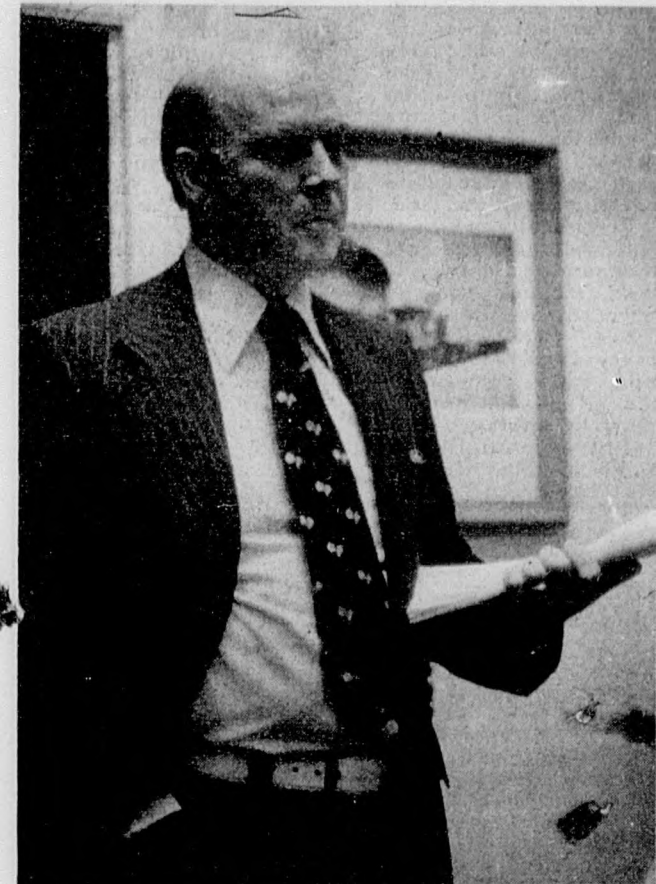
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VAUGHAN DENIES EDITORIAL

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS FIRM ON DEPOT ISSUE



HOWARD HOLT ADDRESSES COUNCIL

## Youngster In Coma With Dread Disease

Little Perry Finner, age 6, a first grade student at the Elba Elementary School, is in Children's Hospital in Birmingham in a coma.

Perry has Encephalitis. The family has no job and no insurance; the father, Lester Finner, was laid off from Dorsey's last December 20. He is now attending trade school on a GI Bill.

Perry's mother is the former Luellen Henderson, daughter of W.O. Henderson of the Zion Chapel Community. There are two more children in the family - a 10-year-old daughter and a three-year-old son.

The Perry Finner Fund has been established for this family, and anyone wishing to contribute may do so at the Elba Exchange Bank and the Peoples Bank.



## BOWERS HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Burin Bowers, of Rt. 5, Elba, narrowly escaped with his life Friday shortly before noon. His pickup truck went out of control and turned over, throwing him onto the highway just a few miles north of his home on the Elba-Brentley Highway.

There were no witnesses to the accident, but seconds after the wreck, Bradley Cox, of Elba arrived on the scene and was at Bowers' side before the dust settled. An Enterprise doctor also happened on the scene and administered first aid to the injured man while awaiting the rescue squad.

Bowers suffered some broken bones and facial cuts but was not listed in critical condition by the local hospital. The doctor on the scene feared serious internal injuries and requested the rescue squad be rushed to the scene as a precaution.

While awaiting the arrival of law officers and the rescue squad, the bystanders at most were either involved and/or witnessed another more serious accident. The heavily loaded pickup truck, shown in the background of the above photo, created the oncoming full speed, and if a passing

motorist had not reacted quickly to the truck driver's blowing air horn and the frantic motions of bystanders there would have been a massive wreck. The unidentified woman sped up her car and the truck slid through harmlessly, stopping several hundred feet down the highway. A black man who was on the scene immediately went to the top of the hill to warn motorists of the partially blocked highway and received the thanks of State Trooper Walter Burgess who investigated the accident.

The Elba City Council meeting got underway late Tuesday night due to several members having to attend another meeting. However, at eight the regular meeting began and within a few minutes, all members were present.

Possibly the most interesting action taken by the Council was a motion not to withdraw a resolution opposing the closing of the local railroad depot. The action followed an appeal by representatives of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad for the local city council not to oppose their attempt to "try" the mobile agent for six months. Railroad management had appeared before the council before in an effort to get this resolution withdrawn from the Public Service Commission and had failed.

The attempt Tuesday night failed also. The council told Mr. Howard Holt of SCL that the members would consider letters requested from users of the railroad and the nifty him of any action taken by the council.

Councilman Ronnie Vaughan reminded Mr. Holt of his request and their promise to furnish him and the other councilmen with additional information about the railroad's activities in the Wiregrass. No explanation was given for this lack of information.

When it became apparent to the councilmen that the majority didn't want to withdraw the resolution, Vaughan made a motion that the resolution on the depot not be changed. Councilman Ben Carpenter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous approval.

A representative of General Telephone was invited to the meeting and asked why the company was progressively closing down facilities in the Elba office. He explained the economic conditions in the area and noted the recent court ruling disallowing the last rate increase put on by the company.

Jerry Jenkins, who spoke on behalf of the telephone company, promised full-time office hours when economic conditions improve.

Henry Padgett of Padgett & Dinning Engineering, presented the council with a map showing excess land in the proposed

airport expansion area that is available for industrial expansion. Padgett also presented a prepared report on three suggested forms for increasing the sewage rates in Elba. He had prepared the study at the request of the council. He asked that the council take the reports, study them and then decide which, if any, of the three was acceptable. The study was undertaken when the annual city audit showed a larger expenditure for maintenance and bond retirement than the sewer fees covered.

Clifford Farmer appeared before the council asking for sewer lines to be extended to the houses behind Evergreen Cemetery on North Morrow Street. He was told that the matter would be surveyed but that it was the opinion of the council that an additional lift pump, costing at least \$15,000, would be necessary.

Filling a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board was tabled until the next meeting.

City Clerk Jack Prescott was instructed to contact the State Library Board about library funds to buy books, etc.

He was also to contact the Coffee County Commission on the status of an approved grant of \$20,000 for repairs on the Elba Courthouse.

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## Two Arrested For Break-In At Brockton

Jimmy Earl Taylor, age 20, a white male, and Danny Mike Springer, age 21, a white male, both from Enterprise, have been arrested for the break-in of Peacock's Drug Store in New Brockton last April 23.

According to New Brockton Police Chief Gordon Lueck, the two men were charged with 2nd degree burglary Tuesday (May 6), and are now in the county jail.

The New Brockton Police Department was assisted in the investigation by Larry Baxter of the Enterprise Police Department.

## New Brockton Gets One On Drug Charge

Clarence Earl Jackson, 21, black male from Enterprise, was arrested April 19 on Possession of Marijuana and Possession of paraphernalia. He is now out on bond.

Patrolman Nichols and Cpl. Skinner of the New Brockton Police Department were the investigating officers.

A report on funds from the federal government revealed that Elba will receive \$35,000 for the first flooding in Elba and government officials were still working on damage reports from the last high water.

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Publisher Cox answered one question from English by stating that while it was true he did not witness the arrest, several other than police officers did and his editorial was written after reading these signed reports by police officers and that the editorial noted that it was written "according to police reports."

English stated that he didn't intend to make either Vaughan or Cox mad, but just wanted to know what happened.

Following this short exchange, some routine matters were discussed but no further actions were taken and the meeting adjourned about 11 p.m.



## LINDSEY KILLED/ROBBED BY GUNMAN

George Burin Lindsey was killed in his country store last Friday morning at about 10:30 a.m. Lindsey, father of Attorney Garth Lindsey of Elba, operated a popular old store in the edge of Crenshaw County, which was a favorite for many Elba citizens as the nearest place to purchase a six pack of beer before returning to dry Coffee County. He had operated the business for many years and was well liked by those who did business with him and those who did not.

Law officers immediately set up road blocks searching for a late model red Pontiac, as the four men killed some years ago at a tavern about 22 shorts. However, at press time law officers had not linked the two killings.



MAGNOLIA GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS TEND FLOWERS ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE



UNCLE CHARLEY GETS SOME WATER AT THE FLOWING WELL ON THE SQUARE

**Keith Towles Appointed To West Point**

JROTC Cadet Battalion Commander Anthony Keith Towles, an 18 year old senior at Elba High School, received formal notification of an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, April 16, 1975. Keith's appointment means a four year scholarship based on scholastic evaluation, an intense medical examination, and an extensive physical aptitude examination.

Keith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Towles of Route One, Jack, Alabama, is an active member of the Beta Club, Math Team, French Club, and is historian of Mu Alpha Theta. He has represented EHS at several club conventions and has taken part in numerous scholastic competitions. Keith's subjects this semester include advanced composition, advanced math, physics, economics, and JROTC.

Some of Keith's other accomplishments are first place winner in the Individual Oral Competition at the Alabama Federation of French Clubs Convention in 1973, Superior Cadet Decoration Award along with numerous other JROTC awards, and also valedictorian of the Class of 1975 at EHS.

Of all his accomplishments, Keith is proudest of his recent appointment to the United States Military Academy. He must be at West Point July 7, 1975. Keith stated that he would like to thank Mr. D. Perry as well as many other members of the faculty of the Elba City School System for their superior instruction, patience, and never-ending encouragement. I will not forget your efforts, as I endeavor to succeed at West Point.

**Kelley Named Manager Of Trailer Sales**

Lamar Kelley has been named Sales Manager of Modern Living Mobile Homes. He is assisted in the operation by his wife, Judy.

Kelley is a native of Elba, and extends an invitation to the mobile home-buying public to come by to see him.

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